



# WIKIMEDIA SUMMIT GUIDE

## OR HOW TO SURVIVE IN BERLIN



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# PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

## Time

Clocks in Germany are set to Central European Time (GMT/UTC +1 hour). Sun rises at around 05:49 and sets at around 18:35

**!** **Daylight Saving Time** starts on **Sunday, 31 March, 2019**. At 2:00 clocks are turned forward one hour. Clocks will be set to Central European Summer Time (GMT/UTC +2 hours).

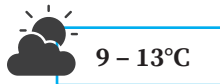
## Money

Germany's currency is the Euro (EUR, €). Please consider that you can only pay with € in Germany and that you will have to change money at a currency exchange office or use a cash machine (Geldautomat) to withdraw € (the latter is often cheaper). There are currency exchange offices and cash machines (EC, Visa, MasterCard, Maestro) at Schönefeld Airport (SXF) and at Tegel Airport (TXL). Please note that many shops, restaurants and bars only accept cash.

## Electricity access

In Germany plug type F (230V at 50 Hz), also known as a Schuko plug, is used. Please bring your adapter if needed! Please be aware that you need to buy the corresponding adapter in your home country, since it's impossible to buy it in Berlin.

## Weather in Berlin



## **Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof**

Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof  
Rollbergstraße 214-216  
12049 Berlin  
Phone: +49 30 627800

 Nearest U-Bahn (underground) station: Boddinstraße (U8)

Check-in time: 15:00, Check-out time: 12:00.

Luggage storage is available at the hotel.

## **Cash machines nearby Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof**

- ▶ Berliner Volksbank eG, Hermannstraße 51
- ▶ Berliner Sparkasse, Karl-Marx-Straße 91

## **SIM card stores nearby Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof**

- ▶ Store @ 44, Hermannstraße 44
- ▶ J&S-Mobile, Hermannstraße 47

## **Internet access**



 **Wikimedia Summit 2019**  **WMSUMMIT2019\_Berlin**

Free wireless network access throughout the conference area (first floor) is provided. To ensure full internet connectivity for all participants, we kindly ask you for a considerate use of data. For connecting to the internet in other areas of the hotel, please use the network provided by Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof.

## Berlin public transport

[www.bvg.de/en](http://www.bvg.de/en)

Before using the public transport services to travel from the airport/Central Station to Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof, please make sure to purchase the right ticket and to validate it.

Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines on the platforms of the  “S-Bahn” (urban railway) and  “U-Bahn” (underground) stations. The obtained tickets must be validated before departure by stamping them, using the yellow ticket validators on the platform of the S- or U-Bahn or in the bus. In buses tickets can be bought from the bus driver.



Berlin is divided into three different tariff zones: A, B and C. When travelling from Tegel Airport (TXL) or the Central Station to Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof, you need an AB ticket (2,80€). When coming from Schönefeld Airport (SXF) you need an ABC ticket (3,40€).

From Friday to Saturday and Saturday to Sunday the S-Bahn and U-Bahn run 24 hours. Please consider the following operating times from Sunday to Monday until Thursday to Friday:

S-Bahn: from 4:30 – 1:30

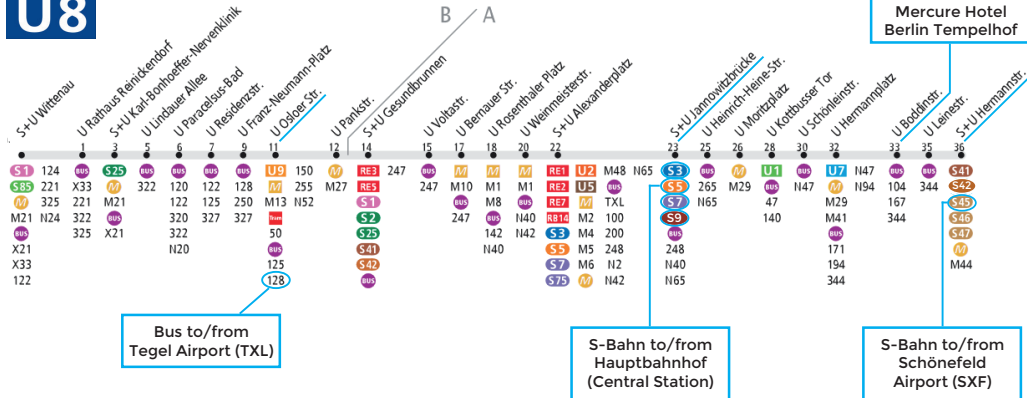
U-Bahn: from 4:00 – 1:00

In between, the night bus lines provide public transport service.

# HOW TO GET AROUND


U-Bahn (underground) line **U8** will be your line.

## U8




## Way from the airports and Central Station to Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof

### Tegel Airport (TXL) to Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof (duration 59 min):

Take the  **Bus 128** (direction: Osloer Str.)

Depart at **Osloer Str.** (terminal station)

Take the  **U8** at **Osloer Str.**  
(direction: Hermannstraße)

Depart at **Boddinstraße**

Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

### Way from Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) to Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof (duration 29 min):

Take the  **S3, S5, S7 or S9**


Depart at **Jannowitzbrücke**

Take the  **U8** at **Jannowitzbrücke**  
(direction: Hermannstraße)

Depart at **Boddinstraße**

Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

### Schönefeld Airport (SXF) to Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof (duration 39 min):

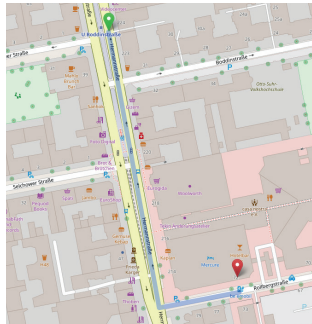
Take the  **S45** (direction: Südkreuz)

Depart at **Hermannstraße**

Take the  **U8** at **Hermannstraße**  
(direction: Wittenau)

Depart at **Boddinstraße**

Walk  5 minutes to the hotel



Way from **Boddinstraße** station to **Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof**

# REGISTRATION AND HELP DESK SERVICES

## Registration

Upon your arrival at Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof, please proceed to the registration desk on the first floor and pick up your name badge.

The registration desk is open as follows:

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**, from 08:30 to 21:00

**Friday, March 29, 2019**, from 08:30 to 10:30

## Help desk services

The help desk is open from 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the conference program and offers among others the following services:

- ▶ Information about public transport services
- ▶ Information about Berlin
- ▶ Lost & Found
- ▶ Reimbursements
- ▶ Printing boarding passes

## Important

Please wear your name badge at all times, otherwise we can't grant access to the conference space.



# SOCIAL EVENTS

To facilitate discussions and networking, the following social events will take place before, during and after the Wikimedia Summit:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, March 28	Welcome dinner	Starting from 19:00	Conference venue
Friday, March 29	Dinner & thematic/ regional/language- specific meetups	Starting from 19:00	WMDE office
Saturday, March 30	Dinner	Starting from 18:30	Conference venue
	WMSUMMIT party	Starting from 20:30	Villa Neukölln
Sunday, March 31	Farewell dinner	After the conference	Conference venue
	Guided city walks		Berlin City
Monday, April 1	Guided city walks	Starting from 9:30	Berlin City

# HOW TO GET TO THE SOCIAL EVENT VENUES

## Address of the WMDE office

Wikimedia Deutschland e. V.  
Tempelhofer Ufer 23-24  
10963 Berlin

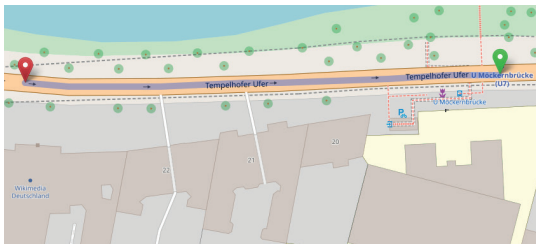
### How to go:

Take the **U** U8 at **Boddinstraße**  
(direction: Wittenau)

Change at **Hermannplatz**  
Take the **U** U7 at **Hermannplatz**  
(direction: Rathaus Spandau)

Depart at **Möckernbrücke**, take the exit  
to Tempelhofer Ufer

Walk **1** minute to the  
Wikimedia Deutschland office

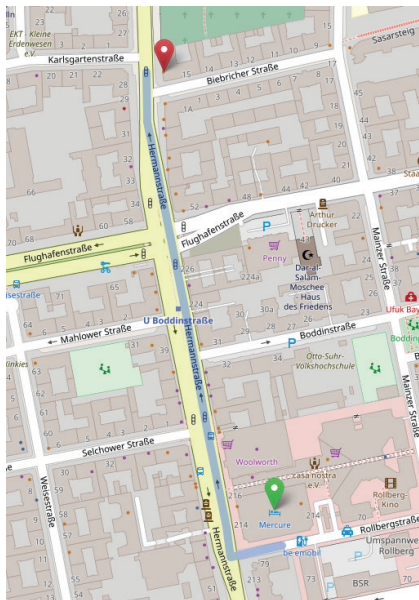


Way from Möckernbrücke station to the Wikimedia Deutschland office

## Important

Please bring your name badge to the WMDE office.

# HOW TO GET TO THE SOCIAL EVENT VENUES



## Address of the WMSUMMIT party venue

Villa Neukölln  
Hermannstrasse 233  
12049 Berlin

### How to go:

Walk 🚶 7 minutes to Villa Neukölln

## Important

Your name badge will allow you to enter the party venue. Don't forget it!

Way from Mercure Hotel  
Berlin Tempelhof to Villa  
Neukölln

# IMPORTANT **PHONE NUMBERS**

<b>Int. Calling Code for Germany</b>	+49
<b>Police</b>	110
<b>Ambulance/Fire</b>	112
<b>Doctor on Call</b>	+49 116 117
<b>Taxi</b>	
Taxi Berlin	+49 30 202020
TaxiFunk Berlin	+49 30 443322
Funk Taxi Berlin	+49 30 261026
<b>BVG (Berlin public transport company) Lost &amp; Found Hotline</b>	+49 30 19449
<b>Daniela Gentner (WMDE Event Team)</b>	+49 151 17404074
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## Hospitals

### **Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin**

Charitéplatz 1

10117 Berlin

Phone: +49 30 450 531 000

### **DRK Kliniken Berlin (Westend)**

Spandauer Damm 130

14050 Berlin

Phone: +49 30 30 35 0

The above mentioned hospitals are accredited by the United Health Care Global (UHCGlob).

## Pharmacies

### **Pharmacy nearby Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof**

Werbellin Apotheke

Hermannstraße 52, 12049 Berlin

Phone: +49 30 6221067

Opening hours: 8:30 - 18:30 (Mon-Fri), 9:00 - 14:00 (Sat)

### **24 hour Pharmacy**

Apotheke Berlin Hauptbahnhof

Europaplatz 1, 10557 Berlin

Phone: +49 30 206 14 190

# USEFUL GERMAN PHRASES

Hello!  
Good morning!  
Good day / afternoon!  
Good evening!  
Cheers!  
Bless you!

See you later!  
See you tomorrow!  
Bye!

Yes  
No

Hallo!  
Guten Morgen!  
Guten Tag!  
Guten Abend!  
Prost!  
Gesundheit!

Bis später!  
Bis morgen!  
Tschüss!

Ja  
Nein

I like you / that.  
I'm tired.  
I'm happy.

Thank you.  
Please. / You're welcome.  
Excuse me. / Sorry.

Help!  
How do I get to...  
I'm looking for...  
I'd like to have...

Ich mag dich / das.  
Ich bin müde.  
Ich bin glücklich.

Danke.  
Bitte.  
Entschuldige.

Hilfe!  
Wie komme ich zu...  
Ich suche...  
Ich hätte gerne...

# YOUR FAQs ABOUT BERLIN – OUR ANSWERS

## “ **What is the best souvenir to buy from Berlin? From where?**

As Berlin is a tourist hotspot, there's a variety of souvenirs you can buy to remember your visit in Berlin. Something that I really like is anything with the famous Ampelmännchen (“little traffic light men”), which has become an iconic symbol for East-Berlin. There are t-shirts, magnets, postcards and even gummy candy of it – available at every bigger souvenir store in the city center. Even the Karstadt warehouse, close to the hotel, at Hermannplatz, sells Ampelmännchen souvenirs from time to time.



Cornelius, International Relations Specialist



Daniela, Event Coordinator

## **Is there a bar or a café to recommend?**

What about sitting in an old bathtub in the middle of the bar and enjoying a fresh drink? If this sounds great to you, you should not miss out on visiting “Frollein Langner”. With its mixed matched furniture and candle lit charm, it will offer you a truly authentic Neukölln bar experience. In case you get hungry, they offer the service to order food from the eatery next door for you.

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# YOUR FAQs ABOUT BERLIN – OUR ANSWERS

## “ **What are the most traditional Berlin dishes? Where can I eat them?**

Eisbein (a knuckle of pork) and sauerkraut, Königsberger Klopse (meatballs) or potato soup – at Villa Rixdorf you can choose from a wide range of Berlin speciality dishes. If you prefer to eat on the go instead of dining at a sit-down restaurant, you should not miss Berlin's most iconic snack stands: Curry36 is serving Currywurst (a curry sausage), while Mustafas Gemüse Kebab is hailed as the best kebab place in town. Both are located only a few underground stations away at U Mehringdamm. Prepare for long lines.



Michelle, Event Assistant



Afek, Visiting Wikimedian

## **Which famous sights nearby should I visit?**

If you want to discover a truly unique place, I recommend you to go to Tempelhofer Feld. It's an airport turned to a park, and one of the most popular hang-out spots in Berlin. It is the perfect place to chill, run, bike around and enjoy the sun. In case you are more interested in German-Jewish history, I advise you to visit the Jewish Museum in Kreuzberg. It is the largest Jewish museum in Europe and one of the most frequented museums in Berlin.”



## DID YOU KNOW? BERLIN FUN FACTS

There are **180 museums** in Berlin, so if you want to see all of them you can invest half a year on exploring a new museum every day.

Every hour at least **18 people** move from a district to another.

Berlin's public transport service (BVG) **travels 8.7 times around** the earth every day.

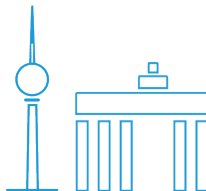
Berliners eat around **950 Döner** every day, that's 60 tonnes of meat.

Berliners scarf down **70.000.000 currywurst** a year.

**35.000.000 €** are spent every year on **cleaning Graffiti** off the Berlin city walls.

More facts here:

<https://www.thelocal.de/20160523/10-bizarre-facts-you-never-knew-about-berlin>



# TRUST AND SAFETY TEAM

A Friendly Space Policy applies at the Wikimedia Summit:

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Summit\\_2019/Friendly\\_space\\_policy](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Summit_2019/Friendly_space_policy)

If you want to report a violation of these rules or if you witness or experience harassment, please reach out to the Trust and Safety Team:



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# FLOOR PLAN CONFERENCE VENUE

